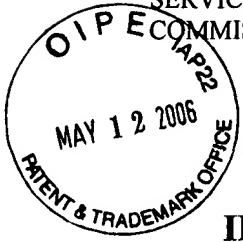


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NOTICE OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION

Sir:

This document is to inform the Board that the Appellant has filed a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 to re-open prosecution for the above-identified patent application.

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